

# PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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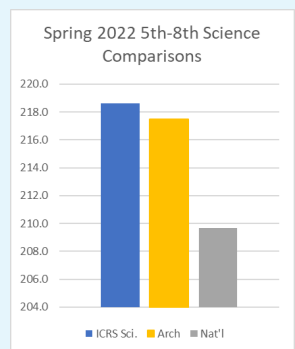
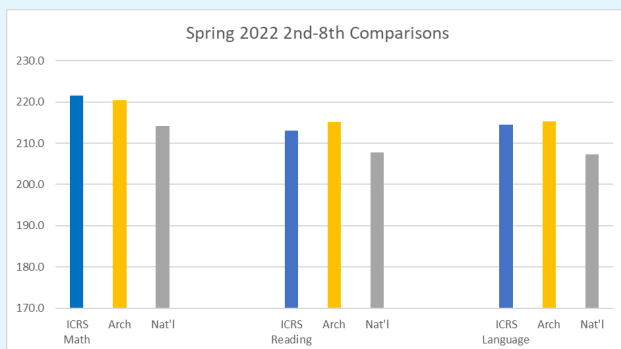
## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

ICRS is like a campfire in the Skagit Valley. All who gather round it are enlightened and warmed by the flame and the fellowship. At this campfire, stories are exchanged, laughter is shared, challenges are overcome, courageous feats relived, meals are shared, and friends are loved.

We are called to spread this light, the spirit of Christ, all around us, in our homes, parishes, neighborhoods, everywhere we go. Now is my time to bring this spirit of Christ to new places. My plan is to sub here and in California and to take life easy. I hope to spend more time with my mom and family. I plan to read, garden, paint, play the ukulele, and teach the dog new tricks. I also have a few trips planned, including camping. I look forward to a new role in our community and passing the torch to new leadership, beginning August 1. Thank you for your support and love while I served as Principal.

**ICRS MAP Scores.** ICRS 2nd – 8th graders participated in the MAP test at the end of May and early June. Our spring results show that ICRS student growth exceeds performance of schools nationwide who took the same test in the spring. Compared to other Seattle Archdiocesan schools, ICRS students had higher scores in math and science. Thank you students for your doing your best. Thank you teachers for providing an excellent Catholic education to our students.

Your child's individual test scores are enclosed in the last brown envelope to be mailed next week.



**Tell a Friend.** Enrollment is growing by the day. We still have seats in each class. Tell a friend or a family member about our great school. Tours and enrollment assistance will be available for new families this summer. Direct new families to our website: [icrsweb.org/admissions](https://icrsweb.org/admissions) or email [admissions@icrsweb.org](mailto:admissions@icrsweb.org). Office staff will contact them to provide assistance and answer any questions.

**Faith on Fire** is returning to St. Mary Catholic Church on August 5-7, 2022. This signature family event of the Pacific Northwest celebrates our Catholic fellowship, faith, and vocations, and supports Pope St. John Paul II's call to a new evangelization. To learn more about this event and to register, see the St. Mary Parish website, "[Faith on Fire](#)."

**The Washington State Catholic Conference's** Catholic Schools Quarterly Newsletter for Spring Quarter 2022 is linked here: [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS: Summer



June 30, Final [Brown Envelope](#) is mailed home. This one will contain report cards, MAP scores, 22-23 calendar and updated dress code. See dress code before you shop for shoes, pants, etc, this summer.

July, Office is closed.

Aug 1—Sep 1, M-Th, 9-3pm, Office is open

Aug 1-3, Used Uniform Sale

Aug 30, 4:30-5:30, Open House and Snow Cone Social

5:30 PK Parent Orientation in PK classroom

5:30 K Parent Orientation in Kinder classroom

6:15 NEW FAMILY K-8th Orientation in the Library

Aug 31, 5:30 Back to School Night for 1st-8th parents

Sep 5, Labor Day Holiday

**Sep 6, First day of school, noon dismissal**

**ICRS Students are Life-Long Learners.** Have a fun, safe and blessed summer. Here is a list fun ways for children retain what they learned this year.

#### Math practice:

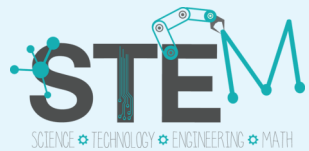
- ◆ Cook by following recipes
- ◆ Follow instructions to make something out of wood or fabric
- ◆ Shop with a predetermined budget
- ◆ Plan a road trip including stops, fill ups, travel time and distance, budget



- ◆ Play cards or board games involving numbers or keeping score
- ◆ Practice math online: [khanacademy.org](https://www.khanacademy.org/)
- ◆ Run a Lemonade Stand with a friend (and donate your earnings to a worthy cause)

#### Science and Engineering practice:

- ◆ Identify a simple problem and invent a gadget to solve it
- ◆ Go online and follow a slime recipe
- ◆ See “20 Super Cool Summer STEM Activities” on <https://www.pltw.org/blog/20-super-cool-summer-stem-activities>
- ◆ Build with Legos
- ◆ Invent something that would improve the environment



#### Reading practice:

- ◆ Read books at or above your reading level
- ◆ Participate in the library’s Summer Reading Program
- ◆ Read books of many different genres

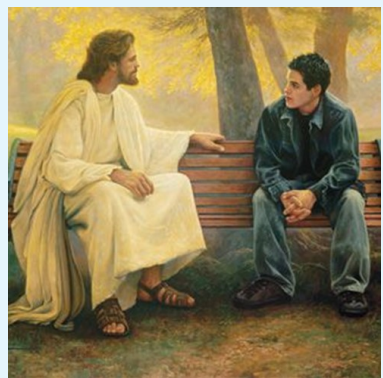
#### Writing practice:

- ◆ Keep a journal this summer
- ◆ Write letters to your classmates or teacher
- ◆ Write stories
- ◆ Write letters to the editor of the paper or to your representatives



#### Spiritual growth:

- ◆ Attend daily mass
- ◆ Pray often
- ◆ Read the Bible
- ◆ Pray with others
- ◆ Read/watch movies about the saints
- ◆ Go to the Lending Library at the Parish Center and borrow a book or movie to learn about your faith
- ◆ Feel God’s presence in nature
- ◆ Listen
- ◆ Be the change you want to see in the world
- ◆ Be a friend who cares and shares
- ◆ Do an anonymous random act of kindness



#### The Arts:

- ◆ Watch YouTube to learn how to play the ukulele
- ◆ Take an art class with Parks and Recreation
- ◆ Paint a ceramic dish at Tri-Dee
- ◆ Draw or paint a picture
- ◆ Make a homemade gift. See ideas on ETSY or Pinterest
- ◆ Write a play and act it out for your friends and family
- ◆ Sing and dance like no one is watching

Visit family and friends, museums, zoos, attend parties, swim, play ball, bike, play tennis or pickleball, garden, do chores, teach your pet a new trick, just be active and interactive. (See [Skagit.KidInsider.com](https://www.skagit.kidinsider.com) for more ideas.)

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